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## NEWFOUNDLAND IN ICE GRASP.

SERIOUS SITUATION CAUSED BY  
CONTINUED COLD AND  
STORMY WEATHER.

Extreme cold and stormy weather has prevailed to the eastward of late and the situation caused thereby on some parts of the Cape Breton and Newfoundland coasts is serious indeed.

The inhabitants of Flint Island, off Cape Breton, are displaying signals of distress and every effort to reach them from the main land and relieve their sufferings has proved unsuccessful, on account of the great fields of ice which hold the coast there, secure in their grasp. The government steamers and ice breakers were driven back, and of these latter, the Stanley, is herself frozen in at Low Point. When she is freed, she will make an attempt to reach Flint Island and will also go to the relief of the piers at Port Hawkesbury, which are also tight in the ice grasp.

Ice conditions about the straits of Northumberland, Cabot straits and the Gulf of St. Lawrence are particularly severe at present. The steamer Bruce which maintains the passenger and freight service between North Sydney and Port-aux-Basques, N. F., is frozen in the ice in Cabot straits.

At St. John's, N. F., five steamers are ice bound, some outside and some in the harbor. The entire eastern Newfoundland seaboard is choked with great ice floes so there is hardly a port that is navigable.

As showing the force of the recent gales and the wide spread area of the ice, sch. Cardinia, a staunch craft, has just arrived at Halifax, N. F., having been 18 days getting there from Harbor Breton, N. F., a distance which could easily be covered in three days sailing under ordinary circumstances. She was driven 200 miles off her course, way to the southward of Sable Island, had her sails torn and lost her deck load of herring.

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### Good Haddock Stock.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry F. Curtis, stocked \$1500 on her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$36.44 clear.

### Frozen Herring Fleet.

Sch. Indiana has sailed for New York and will discharge her cargo of frozen herring at Fulton Market.

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### Captured Big Shark.

The fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred, which is engaged in seining for haddock off Cape Elizabeth came into Portland Thursday with only about 1500 pounds. On pulling in their nets Thursday morning the crew were surprised to find entangled in the meshes a gigantic shark, still alive but too far gone to put up much of a fight, and he was pulled aboard the steamer with little difficulty. He measured about nine feet in length and weighed apparently about 800 pounds. In his struggles to escape the shark had torn the net badly and had about a peck of it in his mouth when he was hauled aboard. The shark was an ugly looking customer, but was not a man eater, being of the ground or mud species.

### First Eastern Salmon.

A feast for fish epicures, the first green eastern salmon, arrived yesterday at Boston on the Yarmouth steamer. There were four boxes of salmon with some six fish in them. The fish are not likely to be put on the market as the dealers who handle them have standing orders from clubs and hotels for the first salmon, and the price will necessarily put them beyond the reach of even the well to do. Their coming, however, marks for the market the near approach of spring.

### Caught Cod School.

The steam trawler Rippie, Capt. Michael Greda, was fortunate enough on her last trip out, to strike a school of codfish, and swept in her net, 15,500 pounds. This is the largest catch of cod any of the steam trawlers has made since they gave up fishing on cod grounds and went to the haddock grounds where the bottom is smooth and the nets do not tear. The explanation given is that the Rippie's net happened to sweep in a school of cod that was passing over the smooth bottom to reach their usual haunts.

### Herring Cargo at Halifax.

Sch. Renown, from Harbor Breton, N. F., with 300 bbls. salt herring, 50 bbls. frozen herring, 50 bbls. pickled herring and 102,000 pounds of salt cod, arrived at Halifax, N. S., on Monday.

### Halibut Prices at Portland.

The fare of halibut of sch. Catherine Burke, landed at Portland on Wednesday, brought 12 cents per pound for white, 8 cents for medium grays and 7 cents for large grays.

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### Russia Stirs up Fish Question.

Russia has stirred up a "fishery question" which interests all Northern Europe. The government has introduced a bill in the Duma to extend Russian jurisdiction to 12 miles from low water mark in the White Sea. Forthwith Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Norway have remonstrated, and Japan has ranged itself with them. The local ground of remonstrance is that Russia is seeking to discriminate unduly against their fishermen, but the broader basis of objection is that the limit now accepted by international law, three miles, must be respected, or chaos on coasts will come again.

## EXTRA SESSION MAY BE CALLED

### Growing Belief That Reciprocity Action Will Be Postponed.

### Toronto Fish Firm Arranging to Supply Chicago Markets.

The reciprocity measure still continues to be the all absorbing topic at Washington. In this city, the committees which took up the work against the bill as soon as its provisions were announced, are still at it and working in every way in their power to place Gloucester's side of the case before the people, and the senators, too. Because the measure passed the house, the committee did not lay down and give up, but went at its task with redoubled vigor.

Yesterday the working committee met and this evening the general committee will meet at 8 o'clock and take action on some important matters.

There seems to be a general feeling all over the city that somehow or other the chances are good for this reciprocity measure becoming a law without some amendments to the free fish clauses.

### Extra Session of Congress Probable.

A Washington dispatch says: "The filibusters in both senate and house today have so aggravated the legislative situation that sentiment is almost universal in congress and elsewhere that there will be an extra session. It was felt that the situation would undoubtedly tend to make impossible rapid disposition of the reciprocity measure, although it was conceived possible that the senate might suddenly elect to pass the McCall bill in the last hour of the session."

"But members are gradually becoming resigned to an extra session except the high stand-patters who do not want the McCall bill passed nor yet an extra session with its certain prospects of immediate tariff revision, predicting all manner of very bad things the wicked democrats would perform, even to a passage by them of a garbled reciprocity measure."

"Many hard things have been said today about Congressman Bennett of New York, author of those Canadian annexation resolutions that have proved so disturbing. Not least among those exasperated is the administration whose friend Bennett purports to be. It was, of course, recognized as part of the scheme to antagonize the final

acceptance of the Canadian reciprocity agreement in Canada."

### Toronto Firm Looking for Chicago Trade.

"That Canadian capitalists and fish men are alive to the exceptional opening which the passage of the reciprocity measure would give them is evidenced by a dispatch received yesterday from Chicago, by the Times. The message is from a former Gloucester man and one who is in close touch with the business and political situation in Chicago. The message reads:

"That Gloucester's fears of invasion and demoralization of the American market by free fish are well founded seems borne out by the receipt of a communication by Mayor Busse of this city from a Toronto firm, in which the latter announces its intention of taking advantage of the measure if it passes. The salient portion of the concern's message reads: 'Our company is being organized to establish a line of steamers to carry fresh codfish in cold storage to all American cities along the Great Lakes. Will your city agree to take your supply from us at 4 1-2 cents per pound?'

### Opposition to the Measure Developing in Canada.

An Ottawa dispatch says: The continued talk of annexation, kept alive by the opposition journals today is causing deep resentment in Canada and, according to some of the leading supporters of the government, may jeopardize the reciprocity measure now before parliament.

It is recognized that the reciprocity agreement is popular throughout Canada and will produce material results. But the sentimental feeling overshadows it, and the suggestion from the South that the agreement that is the first step toward depriving Canada of autonomy, is resented.

The Manufacturers' Association, one of the strongest organizations in Canada, although not affected by the terms of the agreement, has taken alarm from the idea that free trade in agricultural products will lead to free trade in manufactured articles and has organized a movement against the measure now before parliament. It is an undeniable fact that the fight in Canada has developed bitterness which was not expected when the agreement was brought back from Washington by Messrs. Fielding and Patterson.

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## FLEET STRUCK HADDOCK SCHOOL

SOME OF BOSTON MARKET FLEET  
SECURED EXTRA GOOD  
CATCHES.

The fish week at T wharf closes with 14 arrivals, all market boats, and some of them extra fine catches. Evidently a haddock school has struck on and some of the crafts set right on the heads of it.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney has 26,000 pounds, the largest fare in, and 25,000 pounds of this are haddock. Schs. Buema, Alice, Athena, Mattakesett, Jeanette and Ethel B. Penny each have from 15,000 to 20,000 pounds.

Prices were good when the market opened, haddock bringing \$3 to \$3.10, large cod \$4.50 to \$5, hake \$4 to \$6.25, and pollock \$3.50 to \$4.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are: Sch. Buema, 19,000 haddock, 500 cod, 200 hake.

Sch. Warren Mr. Goodspeed, 7500 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Alice, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Athena, 14,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mattakesett, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake, 4700 pollock.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Harriet, 13,000 haddock, 1100 cod, 600 pollock.

Sch. Jeanette, 15,000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 6500 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Galatea, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 500 haddock, 2500 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 to \$3.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6.25; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.



# ONE FARE CAME FROM BOSTON.

ONLY FISH RECEIVED AT THIS PORT SINCE THE PREVIOUS REPORT

There have been no arrivals at this port from off-shore with fish since last report. The brisk southeaster sent the shore boats and pollock seiners in for harbor, and this morning they were still hugging the wharves, as the wind, which has hauled around, gives indications of settling down northeast, which would mean more bad weather.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Georgianna came down from Boston with 50,000 pounds of haddock for the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Georgianna, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Colonial, halibuting, via Portland.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.  
Sch. Corona, halibuting.  
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges.  
Sch. Patriot, Georges.  
Sch. Mattie W. Winship, Georges.  
Sch. Valerie, haddocking.  
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.  
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.  
Sch. Nettie Franklin, Provincetown.

## Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.  
Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white, 10 1/2 c for gray, with the heads off.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.  
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

## Vessel Spoken.

Capt. Albert Larkin of sch. Valerie, reports speaking sch. Marsala on Georges bank a few days ago.

## Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Pauline, one of the Georges handline fleet, was at Portland yesterday and landed 5000 pounds of halibut.

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# GOOD RECEIPTS AT T WHARF.

WEEK OPENS WITH GOOD SUPPLY FOR BOSTON FRESH FISH DEALERS.

T wharf starts in the week with big fish receipts, no less than nine of the big off-shore vessels being there with good catches, and 14 of the market boats also being in, some of them with big fares, and all of them with good paying trips.

The off-shore crafts have from 48,000 to 82,000 pounds and most of them have only been out a few days, so they have new fish. Their haddock are bringing \$1.75 as they run, with \$3.50 for large cod, and \$2.50 for markets.

Of the market boats, sch. Pontiac has 42,000 pounds, an unusually large catch, while sch. Matthew S. Greer has 28,000 pounds 20,000 pounds of which are hake the highest priced fish on the market, selling this morning at from \$3.50 to \$6.25, according to size.

Schs. Walter P. Goulart and Sylvia M. Nunan also have fine catches.

Shore haddock sold at \$3.49 and shore large cod at \$5. Pollock brought \$4.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Moanham, 50,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

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Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 65,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, 40,000 haddock, 7500 cod.  
Sch. Cynthia, 65,000 haddock, 17,000 cod.  
Sch. Lucania, 65,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Terra Nova, 50,000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 47,000 haddock, 3000 cod.  
Sch. Pontiac, 35,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 20,000 haddock, 600 cod.  
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 1500 haddock, 3000 cod, 20,000 hake, 3000 cusk.  
Sch. Valentinna, 6000 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2000 haddock, 5000 cod, 800 pollock.  
Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1200 cod.  
Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 haddock, 200 cod.  
Sch. Motor, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Winnifred, 32,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.  
Sch. Manhasset 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 400 pollock.  
Sch. Rose Standish, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 700 cod.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 500 haddock, 1700 cod.  
Sch. Senator Gardner, frozen herring from Gloucester.  
Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.40 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$4; hake, \$3.50 to \$6.25; cusk, \$3 to \$3.50.

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# TWO VESSELS VIA PORTLAND.

ONLY FISHING ARRIVAL OVER SUNDAY, BUT MARKET BOATS WILL RETURN.

The only two arrivals here since last report are both via Portland, the fresh halibuter Colonial with 5000 pounds of salt cod and the Georges handliner Pauline, with 25,000 pounds of salt cod. The former landed 16,000 pounds of halibut at the Maine port and the latter landed 5000 pounds.

The market boats went out yesterday and during the night, but the snow and fast approaching storm will undoubtedly send them back to port before it shuts down too thick to get hold of the land.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Colonial, via Portland, 5000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Pauline, via Portland, 25,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Steamer Joppaite, returned.  
Sch. Grace Otis, returned.

## Vessels Sailed

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.  
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.  
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.  
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, haddocking.  
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, haddocking.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.  
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.  
Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.  
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.  
Sch. Manomet, haddocking.  
Sch. Alert, Boston.  
Br. sch. Arnold, Boston.  
The whole pollock fleet sailed.

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# FLEET MOSTLY MARKET BOATS.

BUT T WHARF DEALERS HAVE GOOD SUPPLY OF FISH THIS MORNING.

The fish supply in the vessels at T wharf this morning is not large, but the dealers have some on hand from yesterday and are looking for more Thursday, so with a holiday coming tomorrow, there is little or no advance in price.

Haddock brought from \$2 to \$3.50 and large cod from \$3.50 to \$4.50. Hake sold well up, bringing from \$4.50 to \$6.30 and pollock \$3.50 to \$4.50.

There is only one of the off-shore fleet in, sch. Muriel, and she got to the dock yesterday late. There are 16 market boats at the pier, sch. Gladys and Nellie with 32,000 pounds leading the bunch. Capt. Watts and his men will fare well, as also will the men of schs. Sadie M. Nunan, Flavilla, Clara G. Silva and a few others.

## Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Yankee, 3100 haddock, 500 cod.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 13,000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Muriel, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Little Fannie, 3000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 6000 haddock, 600 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, 12,000 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 23,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4400 hake, 1400 cusk.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7500 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 10,000 haddock.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 10,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 7500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Nokomis, 4000 haddock, 600 cod.

Sch. Marion, 500 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Isabel, 5000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson.

Sch. Alert, frozen herring from Gloucester.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$4.50 to \$6.30; cusk, \$3.25; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

## Sch. Galatea Lost Foremast.

Sch. Galatea arrived at Provincetown yesterday afternoon with her foremast broken off 15 feet from the masthead. Capt. Fred Quinlan said he had been caught in a squall. A towboat was sent from Boston to take the schooner there.

The Galatea arrived at T wharf, Boston, about midnight in tow. The captain of the towboat and Capt. Quinlan said that after they left Provincetown the storm became so bad and the snow so thick that it was thought too dangerous to cut across the bay, and by hugging the shore the towboat captain managed to make port. It was expected that early this morning the towboat would start out again with the Galatea for this port for a new mainmast.

## Sch. Muriel Grounded and Floated.

During the snowstorm yesterday, the fishing sch. Muriel, while inward bound to Boston from Georges bank, ran ashore between Nix Mate and Gallops island, in Boston harbor, and was fast for an hour and a half. It was the second accident the vessel had met, for yesterday morning she was struck by a big wave that broke over the bow and carried away about five feet of the port bulwarks.

The tug H. A. Mathis pulled her into deep water promptly. The Muriel was not leaking and Capt. Curdo thought she had escaped injury. The Muriel brought in 60,000 pounds of mixed fish.

## Found Pollock Scarce.

The gasolene fishing boat Bessie M. Dugan of Boston, engaged in pollock-ing, was at Portland on Friday from a cruise to the eastward. Like all the other of the Boston and Gloucester craft which have been cruising for pollock the Dugan has met with very poor luck, but few fish having been sighted the past fortnight. The rough weather prevailing has undoubtedly been the reason for the failure.